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Welcome

Welcome to our second issue of Occupy Sydney Zine!

Big day on 1 May, see you at Martin Place or head out to Church Street Amphitheatre at Occupy Parramatta!

I have received some great feedback about the first issue. Thank you everyone for sharing what you think. Please keep up with the feedback!

I am calling out for people to write reviews and intros to YouTube videos that helped you understand about the Economic, Ecological and Sociological issues we face today. Please email occupysydneyzine@gmail.com

This is *your* platform to share & show what Occupy Sydney means to you. The submissions in this zine are the opinions of individual Occupiers. All copy rights & ownership remain with these individuals.

Please feel welcome to contribute & add *your* voice & views.

It is only when we share in the commons do we bond as a community, so let us all share in the commons of the people's media & discover what we can create together.

A big thank you to Rohan, Maloë, Vicki, Brad, Nicole & Lily for your articles, reports, photos & images. I am so very grateful to work on this project with your talents!

Much Love & Support xx Bern

Your Submissions & Feedback

Please put "Submission" or "Feedback" in the subject heading & submit your contributions by Wednesdays to OccupySydneyZine@gmail.com

so it can be ready for printing by Occupy Fridays

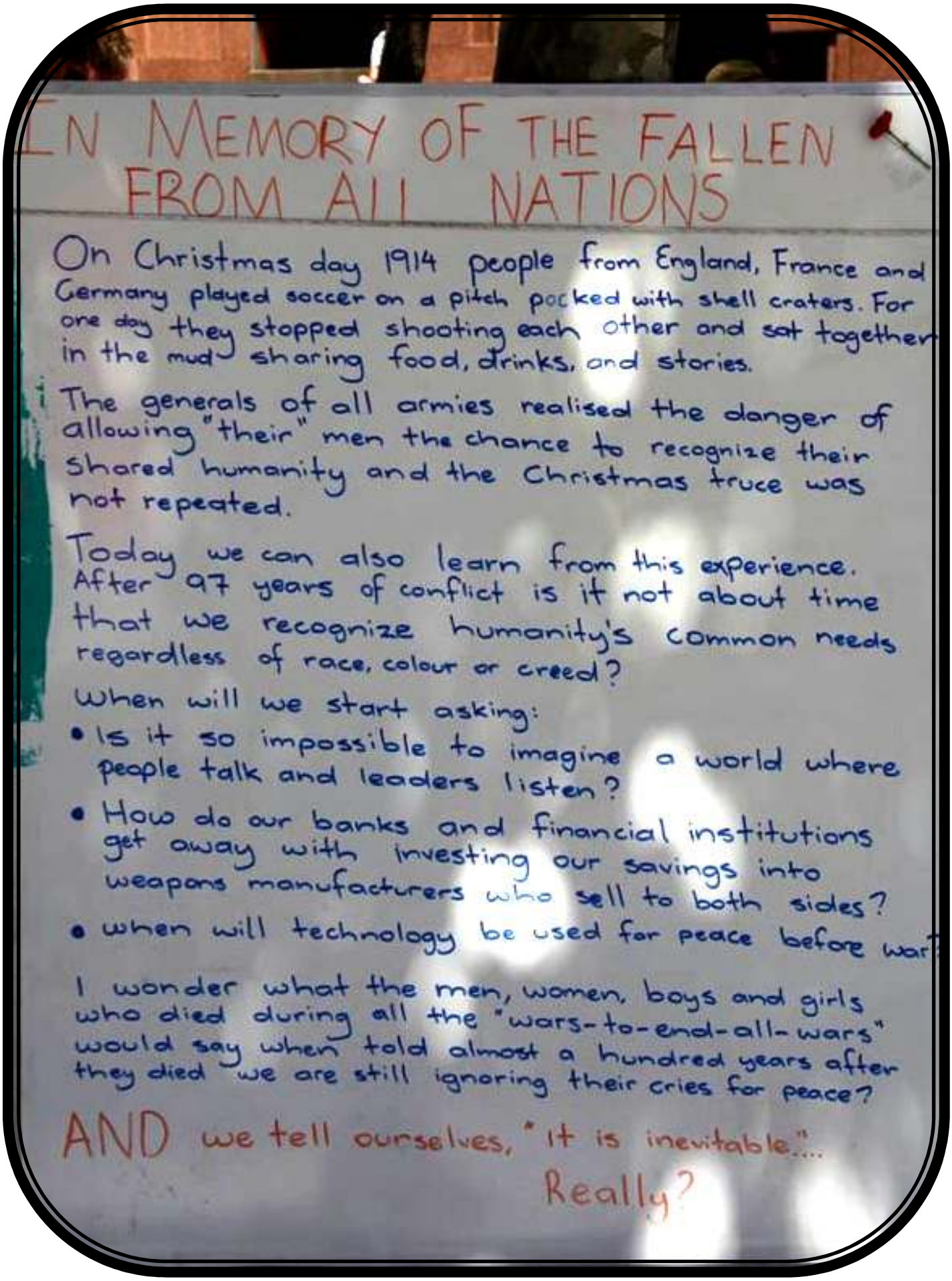

EN MEMORY OF THE FALLEN
FROM ALL NATIONS
On Christmas day 1914 people from England, France and Germany played soccer on a pitch pocked with shell craters. For one day they stopped shooting each other and sat together in the mud sharing food, drinks, and stories.
The generals of all armies realised the danger of allowing "their" men the chance to recognize their shared humanity and the Christmas truce was not repeated.
Today we can also learn from this experience. After 97 years of conflict is it not about time that we recognize humanity's common needs regardless of race, colour or creed?
When will we start asking:
• Is it so impossible to imagine a world where people talk and leaders listen?
• How do our banks and financial institutions get away with investing our savings into weapons manufacturers who sell to both sides?
• when will technology be used for peace before war?
I wonder what the men, women, boys and girls who died during all the "wars-to-end-all-wars" would say when told almost a hundred years after they died we are still ignoring their cries for peace?
AND we tell ourselves, "it is inevitable"...
Really?

Photo from Diary of an Occupier By Lily Hatten
http://diaryofanoccupier.wordpress.com/

Media statement by Ray Jackson, Indigenous Social Justice Association NSW POLICE 'TOO DEADLY'!

From the Occupy Sydney website

http://www.occupysydney.org.au

Posted By Vicki Smart

Emergency rally: Tuesday April 24, 1.30pm NSW Parliament House, Macquarie St, Sydney On Tuesday April 24 at 1.30pm we will be holding a rally outside the NSW Parliament House to protest the violence and abuse of the NSW police as exampled by the circumstances at Kings Cross and five police-related deaths in custody so far this year already.

We will also be putting to the Barry O'Farrell government, and police minister Mike Gallacher specifically, that tasers be withdrawn from the frontline police due to their lethality. If you can make it to this rally and support us please do. Help us to make justice – not just us! The April 22 shooting of two Aboriginal teenagers in a stolen car at Kings Cross focuses the mind on just how violent are the NSW Police Force and the police in the rest of this country.

I do not condone car theft (and yes I have suffered having my car stolen) or any other crime for that matter but I certainly would argue that the crime is hardly a hanging offence. The allegedly stolen car had six young Aborigines, aged between 13 and 24, inside of it when the police drew their guns and fired through the windscreen. Why couldn't they shoot the tyres out? They didn't because they are not trained to shoot out tyres, they are trained to shoot to kill. Perhaps the occupants were armed, possibly attempting to shoot out the tyres could have led to the death or wounding of civilians? The driver elected to attempt an escape, so we are told, and tasers were useless in this situation so they pulled their Glocks and let loose. But then shooting the driver was no guarantee that the car would stop – it could have caused greater mayhem.

Whatever the rights or wrongs of that situation, what followed was police brutality at its worst. Both TV reports and still shots clearly show police exacting their own brand of punishment upon at least one of the occupants of the car. Troy Taylor, the alleged driver, had been wounded twice, once in the chest and an arm/shoulder wound. Troy had a wound to his neck and he was seen to be bleeding profusely from his wound. Troy was dragged from the car seat, with force that would of caused him further pain. Then the officer doing the extraction is seen laying into Troy with his fist. It was obvious to anyone watching that Troy was definitely not resisting arrest in any manner. While on the ground he was also knelt on as they put the cuffs on him. (This practice of kneeling or sitting on the victims back is a most dangerous act as was evidenced by the knee-drop from Hurley to Mulrinji Doomadgee in 2004 and the kneeling/sitting on the back of Terrance Briscoe in the Alice Springs lock-up in January of this year. Positional asphyxia would have been an important causal link to his death.

Still the police around the country continues to use this form of arrest technique as it is far safer for them to do so. Does the life of a police officer far outweighs that of any member of the citizenry?) We then saw an officer grab hold of Troy's shirt and roughly drag him over the roadway like a sack of potatoes. He was then dumped face-down and cuffed but one can see that he was still bleeding profusely. I have seen no visuals of the driver being extracted but the procedure would have been the same even though he was wounded twice. Both are in critical condition in hospital. This disgusting and inhuman treatment handed out by those police involved at the Kings Cross scene however comes as no great surprise. In a four-month period, roughly, we have had at least five deaths in custody relative to police actions and two near-death events that could be fatal in one case at least.

At Springwood, NSW a 67-year old man walked into the Springwood police station and he then collapsed and died. Nothing else is known about the circumstances of that death. In February police around Bathurst were involved in a high speed pursuit of a stolen car and other acts. The car eventually crashed and the two occupants were arrested and taken to Bathurst gaol where the 22 year old driver collapsed in his cell and died. He was offered assistance at the Bathurst hospital but for whatever reason he refused to comply. Also in February 21 Magistrate Geoffrey Dunleavey threw out a case against Phillip Bugmy of Wilcannia and charged the police instead for tasering Phillip in his home whilst Phillip was on his knees with his hands behind his head. Sometimes magistrates do stand up to the police.

On the March 18 a police action led to the death of Roberto Laudisio Curti by six police who decided to play cat and mouse with Roberto as they chased him through the streets of Sydney. They had maced him and let him run blind, they caught him and video shows them slamming his head into the frame of the shop window and again let him run. Then they tasered him at least three times and allowed him to run until he collapsed and died. On March 25 at the end of a police pursuit the victim, Darren Neil, was cornered at the Westfield shopping centre whereby he was then shot dead by the officer who had pursued him. Details are sketchy and we have only the police version to go on. April 16 found the police up Tenterfield, NSW in a situation that the victim seemed to be suffering a psychotic attack. It was alleged that he had a crossbow and a knife and threatened the police who were present. The female officer fired off a taser but missed so the male officer drew his Glock and killed the victim. Over in Western Australia a police officer who was in a high speed pursuit of a stolen car ran a red light in the process and crashed into a civilian vehicle. The woman died and the officer is being charged for dangerous driving.

We urgently need, as a society, to manage our police better and make them far more accountable for their actions and their mistakes.

For more information call Ray Jackson at 0450651063 or Raul Bassi at 0403037376 Indigenous Social Justice Association

Occupy Parramatta Free School

Church Street Amphitheatre

No homework - No detention

Leaders in Independent Thought

focusing on anti-corporate excellence

Join our 'May Day-Muck Up' team :

help us fight against the old world order

for a future free of financial tyranny

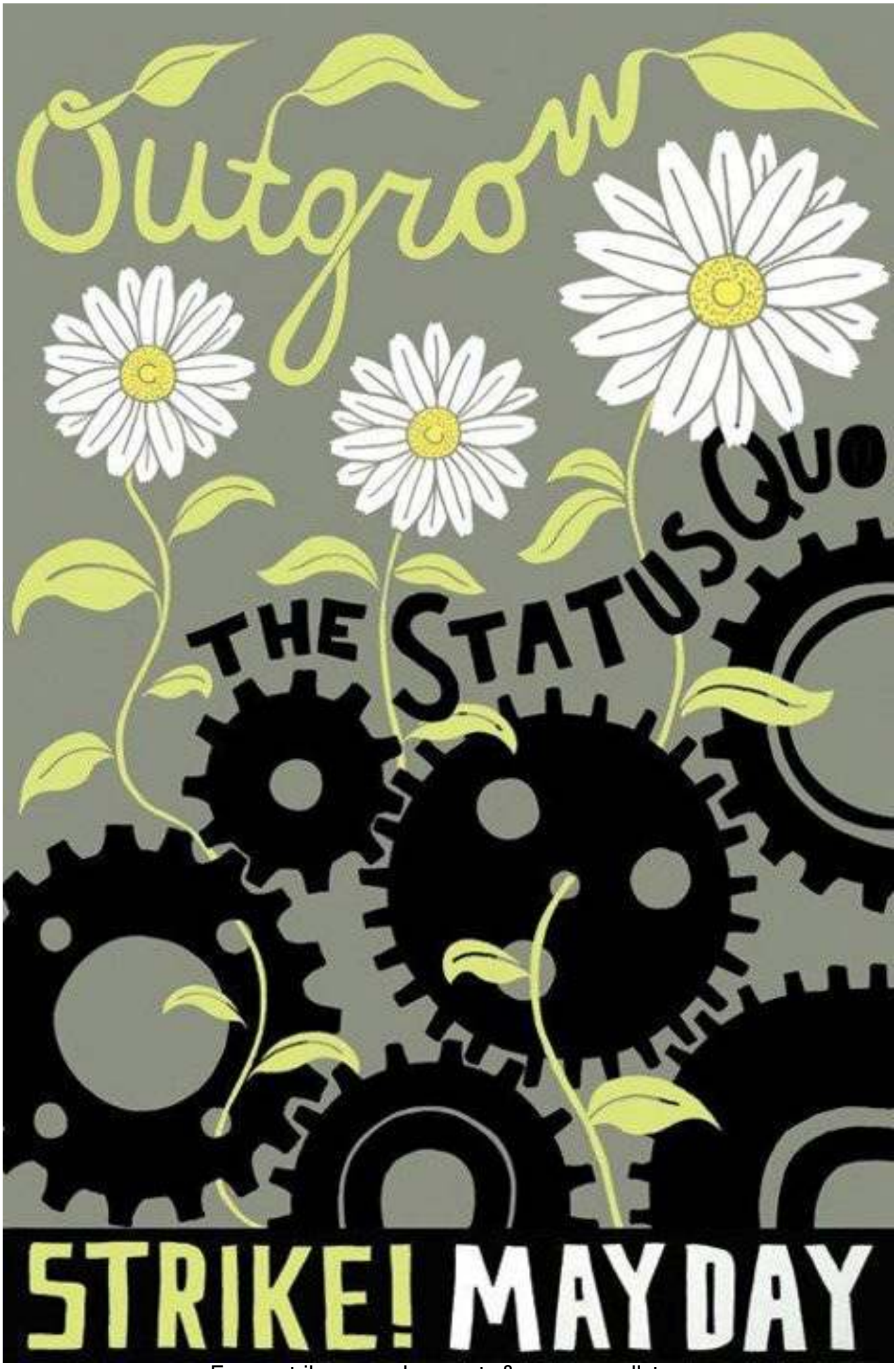
and wholesale human rights abuse

~ No Holds Barred - Winner Takes All ~

Global Competition Starts :

~ Tuesday May 1st ~

Submitted by Brad Clucas


Outgrow
THE STATUS QUO
STRIKE! MAY DAY

How The Police Subvert The Judiciary

by Rohan Best

In its six month existence, Occupy Sydney has had many encounters with the NSW Police which has resulted in almost 100 fines and arrests. Many of these fines and arrests have been for 'contravening council notices' i.e. for camping or staying overnight.

The Police have a level of discretion when enforcing the laws created by the State. They can issue a warning, an infringement notice, a court attendance notice or, in more severe cases, they may make an arrest. What laws are broken, how or under what circumstances these laws are broken and who the offender is (age, previous convictions etc) will determine what action the police deem to be appropriate when dealing with offences.

'Contravening council notices' is a minor offence and only warrants a court attendance notice or an on-the-spot fine of $110. To put things in perspective, littering with a lit cigarette butt incurs a greater fine of $200. Despite the trivial nature of 'camping' and 'staying overnight' offences, the NSW Police have made multiple *arrests* against occupiers for alleged breaches. By meting out a more severe form of policing than would normally occur just because Occupy Sydney is a political movement is a blatantly political act and goes against the supposedly neutral, unbiased and apolitical nature of the Police as an institution.

After making an arrest, the Police may impose bail conditions, the only purpose of which is to ensure that the accused attends court. The accused may refuse to sign these conditions in which case they must remain in police custody until they are next able to see a magistrate (and it is worth noting that courts have weekends and holiday periods whereas prisons do not). Should this occur, the Police will make their case for issuing bail conditions and the magistrate will decide whether to accept the bail conditions set by the Police, amend the bail conditions or remove them entirely. This is a crucial point as the Judiciary ultimately decides what penalties should be administered if at all. Furthermore, the Judiciary is independent of the Police which acts as a safeguard against political persecution, Police corruption and brutality.

In all cases when occupiers have been arrested, even when the arrest has been in response to an incident away from Martin Place or the Occupy Sydney site, the Police have imposed bail conditions which restrict the accused from returning to Martin Place. Such bail conditions have nothing to do with ensuring that the accused attends court. The bail conditions are punitive in nature and

effectively prohibit occupiers from protesting with others at the Occupy Sydney site. This is a direct form of political oppression.

Many occupiers that have been arrested have refused to sign the bail conditions set by the Police and have spent the night or an extended period of time in incarceration in order to be able to return to Martin Place. This is a brave and highly commendable act of resistance to Police intimidation and those who have chosen to stand up for their rights and political beliefs should be recognised and praised for their efforts.

Photo Submitted by Rohan Best

When brought before a magistrate, the vast majority of bail conditions imposed by the Police have either been amended to allow the accused free access to Martin Place or have been dismissed entirely. Similarly, no conviction has yet been made against occupiers for 'contravening council notices' when the matter has been brought before a court of law.

Regardless of Occupy Sydney's successes in court, those accused have still been *punished* directly by the Police before matters are heard by the Judiciary. These punishments include being locked up for an extended period of time, facing Police harassment and intimidation (including the use of sexist and other derogatory remarks) and having to face court costs and take days off work in order to defend themselves in court.

By using bail conditions as a punishment and by depriving occupiers of their civil liberties through incarceration when punitive and outrageous bail conditions are not signed, the NSW Police are subverting the Judiciary and acting as Judge, Jury and Executioner.

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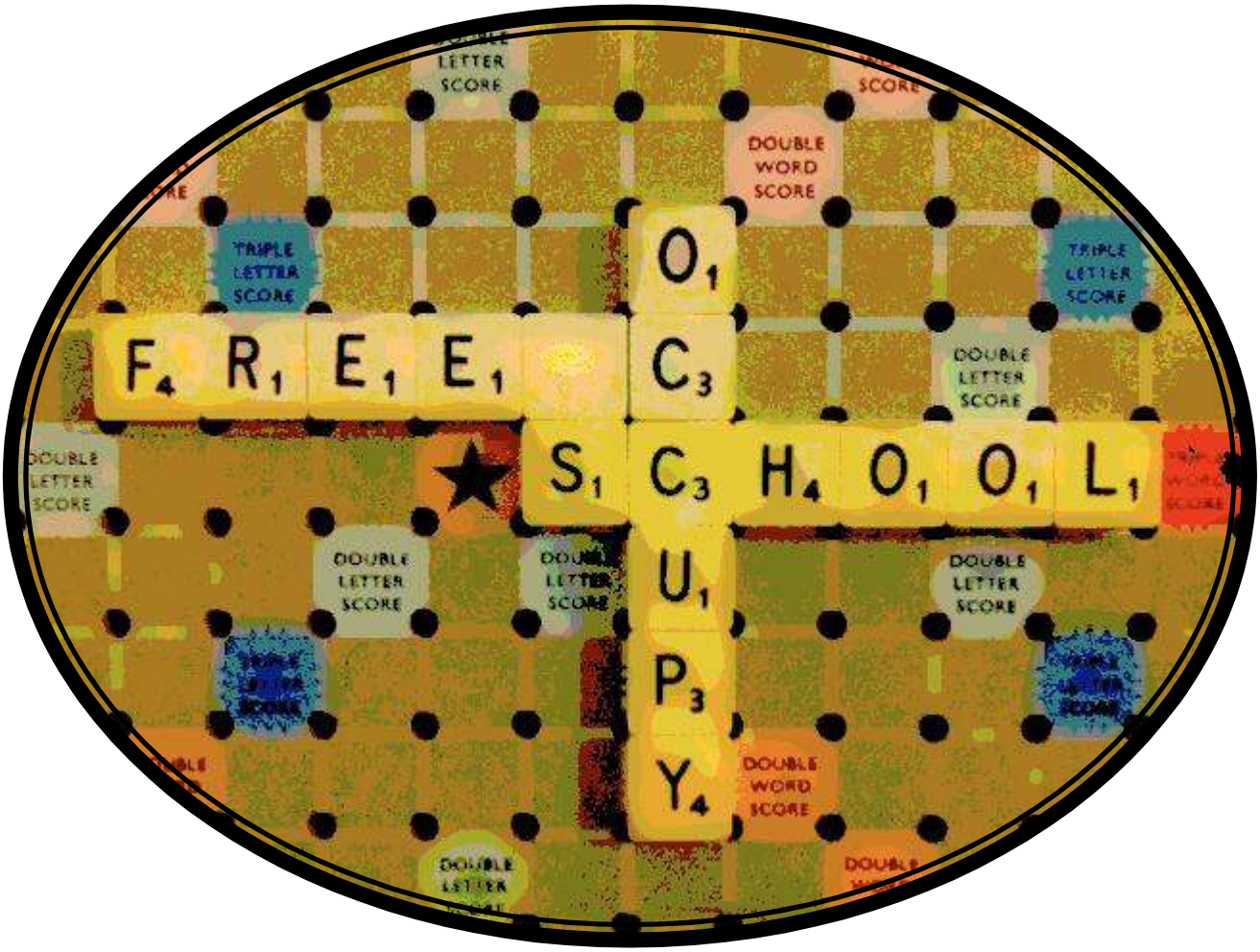


OCCUPY SYDNEY FREE SCHOOL

Where? Martin Place, near Macquarie St

When? Saturday afternoons bit.ly/ocsydcal

What is Occupy Sydney Free School?

Occupy Sydney has been present in Martin Place almost continuously since 15 October 2011. A crucial part of the occupation is open public discussion of issues confronting humanity and the planet. Some of these discussions are organised into a 'Free School', held on most Saturday afternoons.

Anyone may offer to lead a Free School discussion or workshop session and everyone is welcome to attend.

Free School is:

- a space for honest, frank and respectful discussion and the building of solidarity amongst participants
- open for everyone to present or join sessions and workshops
- a collective way to address questions about Occupy Sydney's directions and purposes
- an approach to building the movement and keeping it relevant and sustainable
- an occasion to discuss how we relate to existing movements, groups, actions and struggles
- a place of learning about practical skills and interests helpful to Occupy participants as well as other activists and people interested in open learning environments
- an opportunity for enjoyable group conversations and fun in growing together

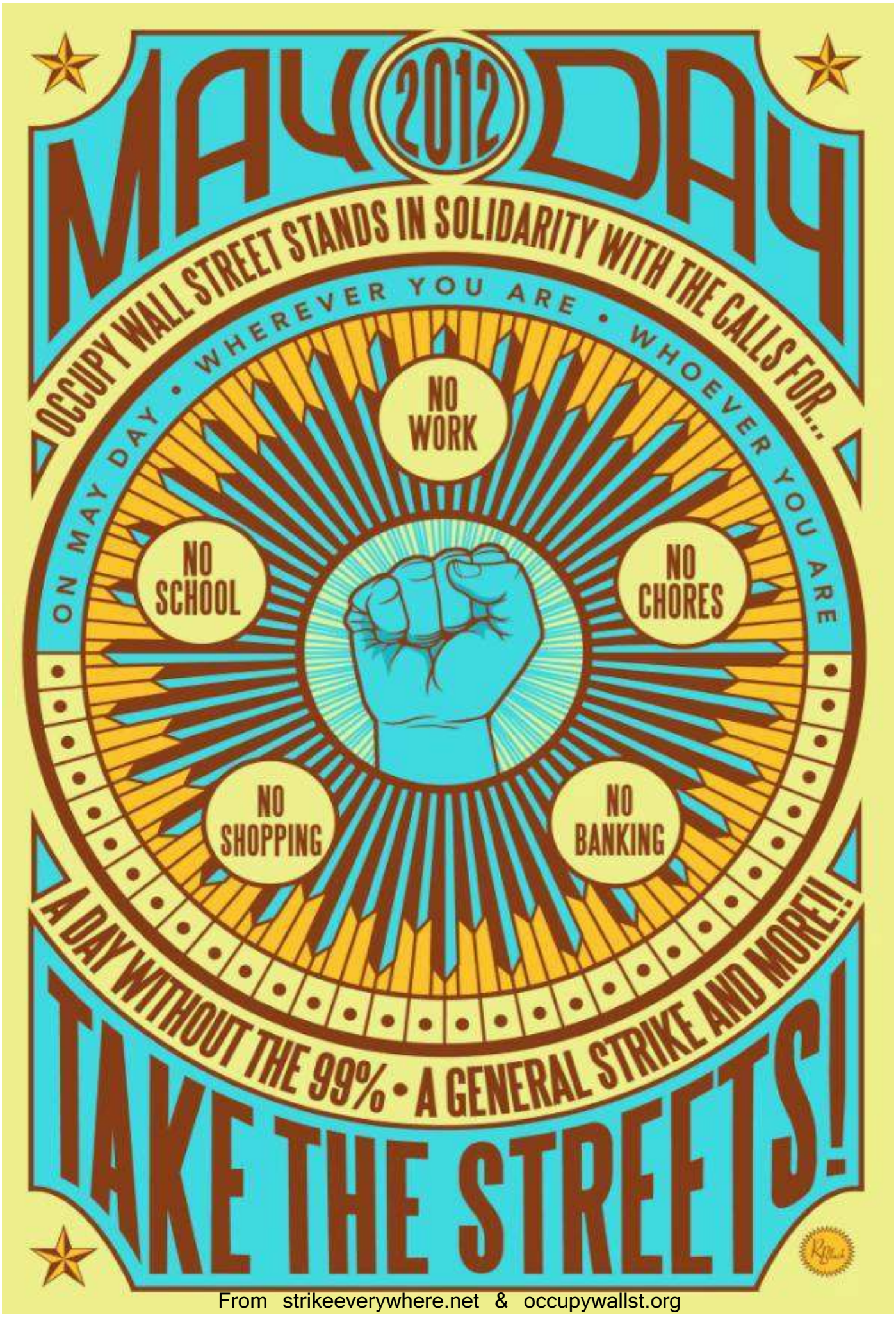
  a free and family friendly way to spend Saturday

How can I get involved?

If you would like to run a session in the future, or have recommendations for individuals or groups/organisations who you think we should approach, please contact us at occupysydneyfreeschool@gmail.com. The full program of events is available on the Occupy Sydney Events Calendar. If you are interested in being a part of organising Occupy Sydney Free School – there is also a Facebook organising group. you can also leave a comment on this page. http://www.facebook.com/groups/313074415382939/

Examples of past sessions:

- Art, Tent Monsters and Revolution
- DIY renewable energy
- A History of Radical Sydney
- Borders and Occupy
- Community Renewable Energy
- Discussion on Occupy Melbourne
- Circus workshop
- Quakers, non-violence and activism
- Nonviolence tactical training
- History of occupation and indigenous struggle in Sydney
- Struggle in Spain and the Indignados
- Feminism and Occupy
- Activist Legal Rights and the Arrest Process
- The Environment and Capitalism
- Alternative Ideologies
- Asset Mapping
- Activism and Self Care
- How to Self Publish


MAY DAY
2012
OCCUPY WALL STREET STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE CALLS FOR...
ON MAY DAY • WHEREVER YOU ARE • WHOEVER YOU ARE
NO WORK
NO SCHOOL
NO CHORES
NO SHOPPING
NO BANKING
A DAY WITHOUT THE 99% • A GENERAL STRIKE AND MORE!!
TAKE THE STREETS!

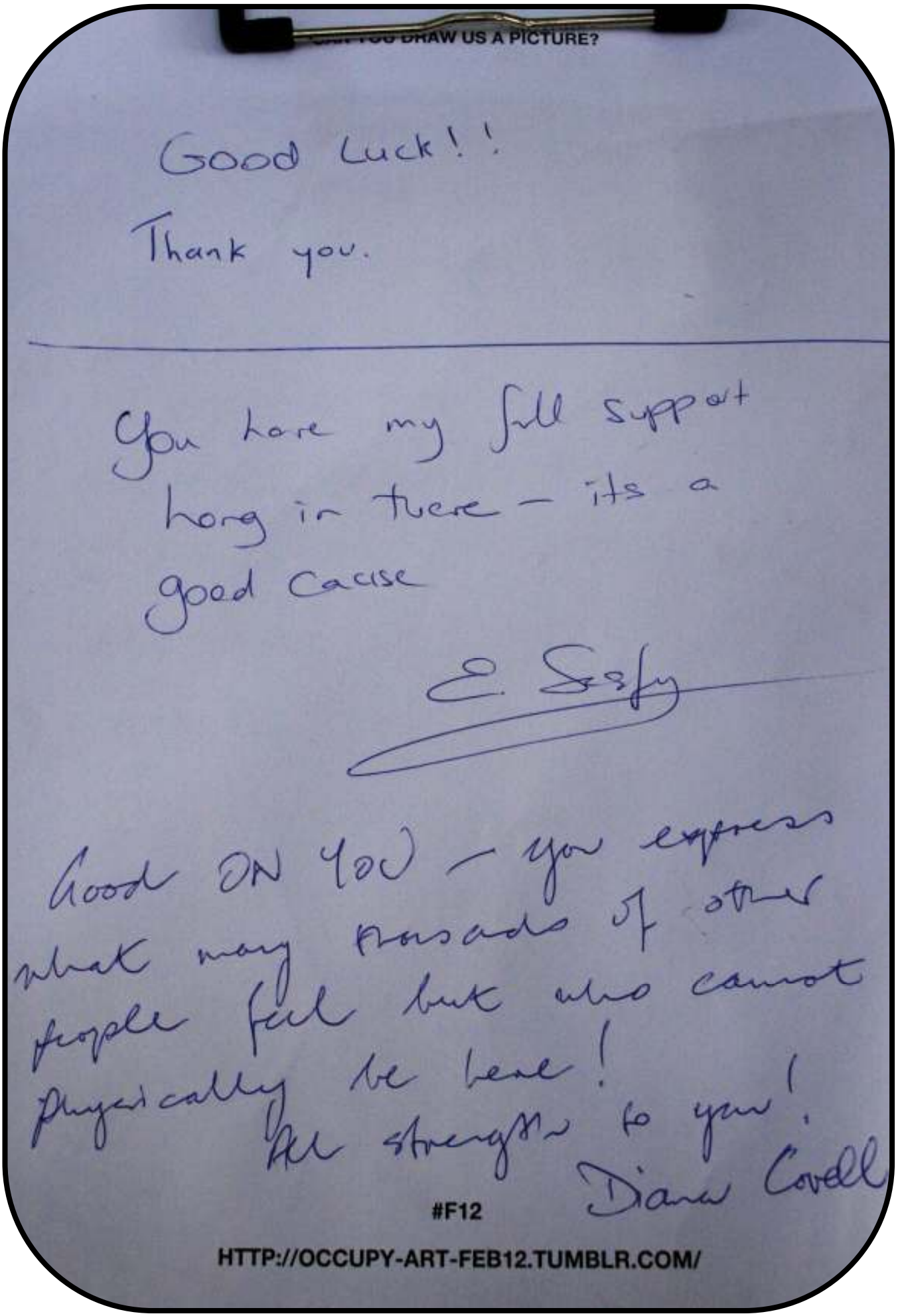


Photo from messagesofsupport.tumblr.com by Bern Ellis

I want another world

I don't know the human that made my shoes

I don't know the human that made my clothes

I don't know the human that made my glasses

I don't know the human that made my scarf

I don't know the human that made my bracelet

I don't know the human that made my food

I was told in school that this was how the world of supply and demand progresses to increase profits.

Who profits from this?

I want another world, where I can show my gratitude to the human that made my shoes

I want another world, where I can show my gratitude to the human that made my clothes

I want another world, where I can show my gratitude to the human that made my glasses

I want another world, where I can show my gratitude to the human that made my scarf

I want another world, where I can show my gratitude to the human that made my bracelet

I want another world, where I can show my gratitude to the human that made my food

The money I paid is not equal to the gratitude I feel for having these items in my life.

I want another world, where my gratitude is received by the beautiful people that contribute to my life, where I can see that my gratitude contributes to their lives.

I want another world

A human world

A world that listens to the people and cares for the people's right to self-determination and self-governance.

I want another world

By Bern Ellis

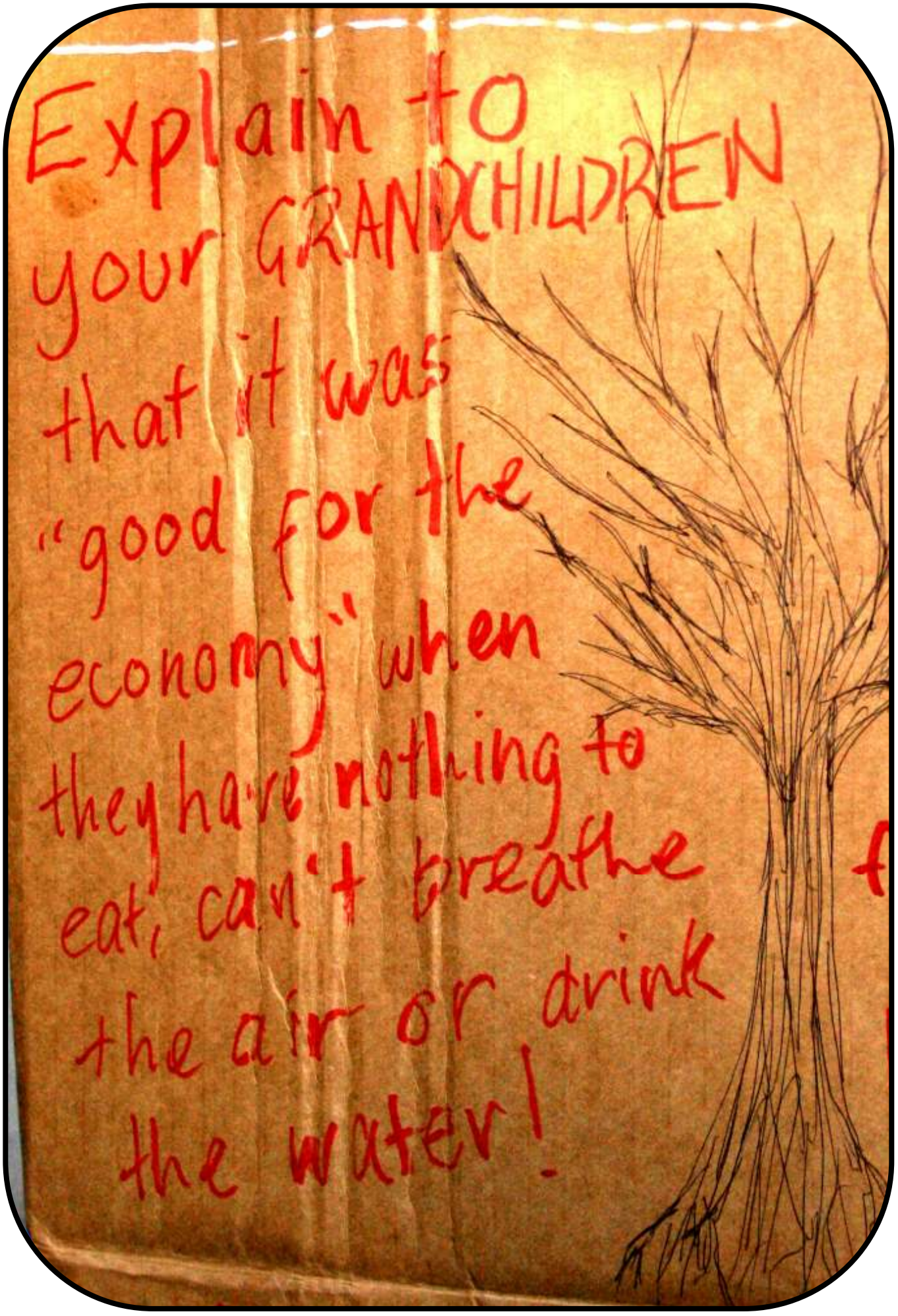


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Image Submitted by Nicole Schaefer

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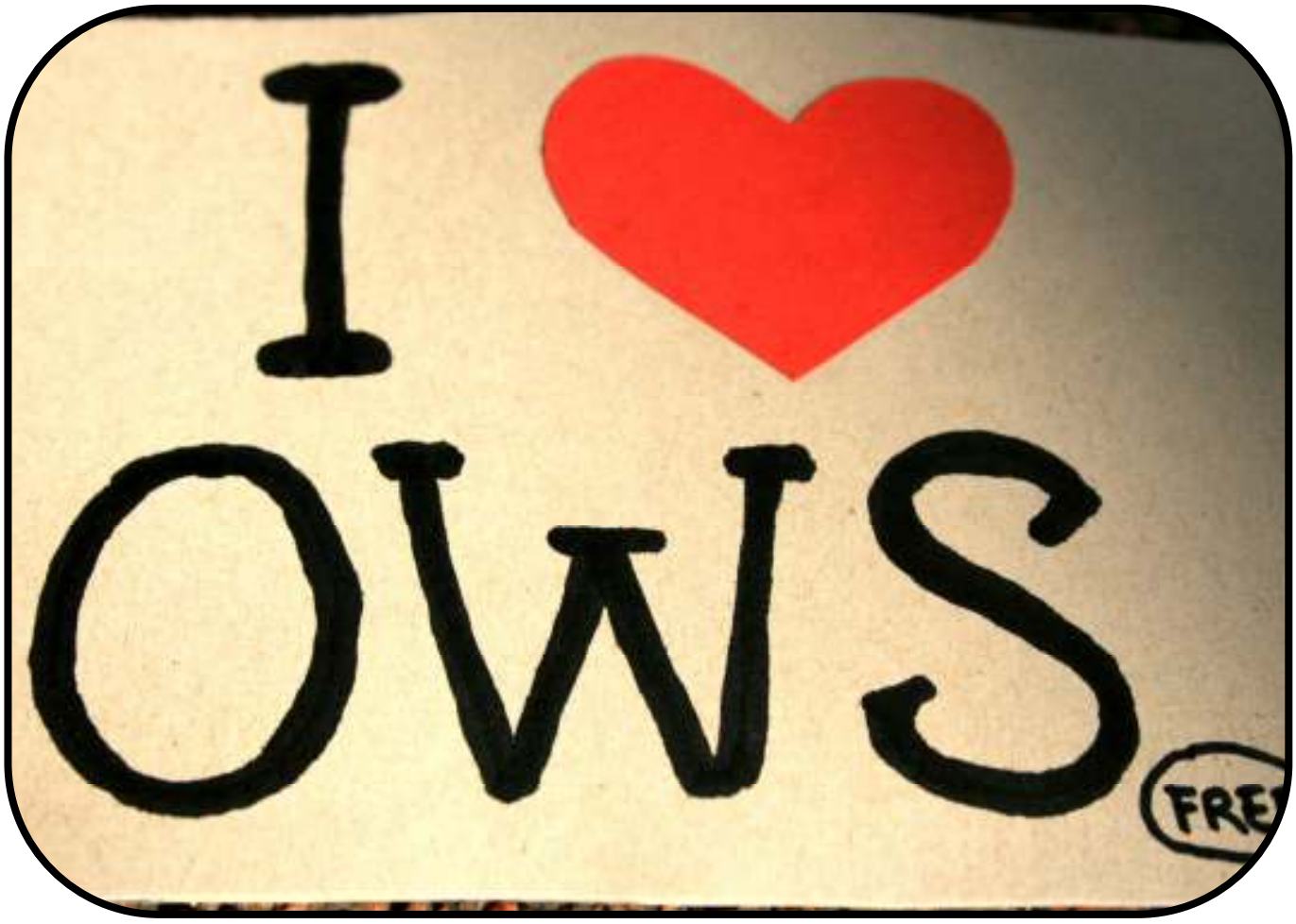

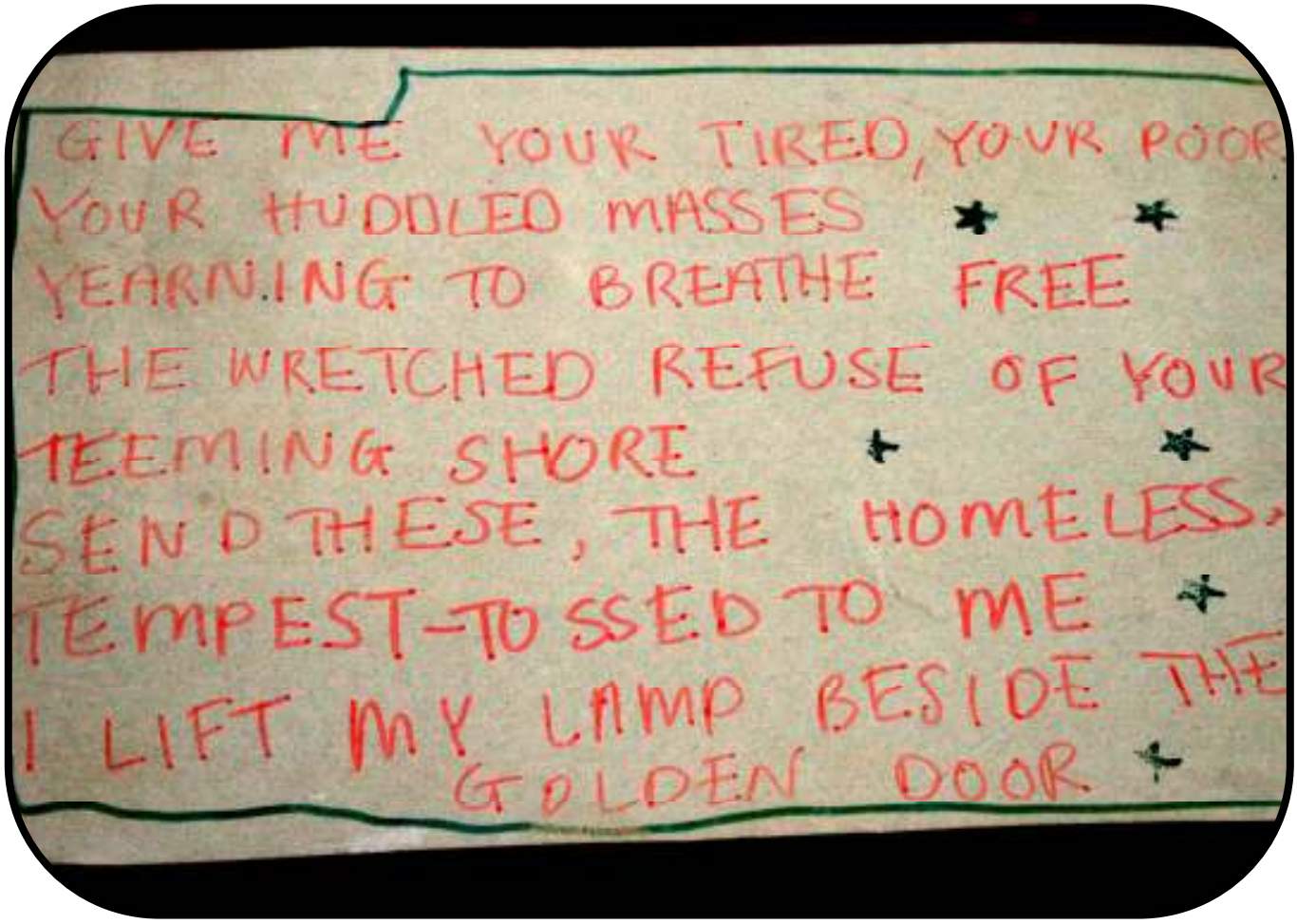

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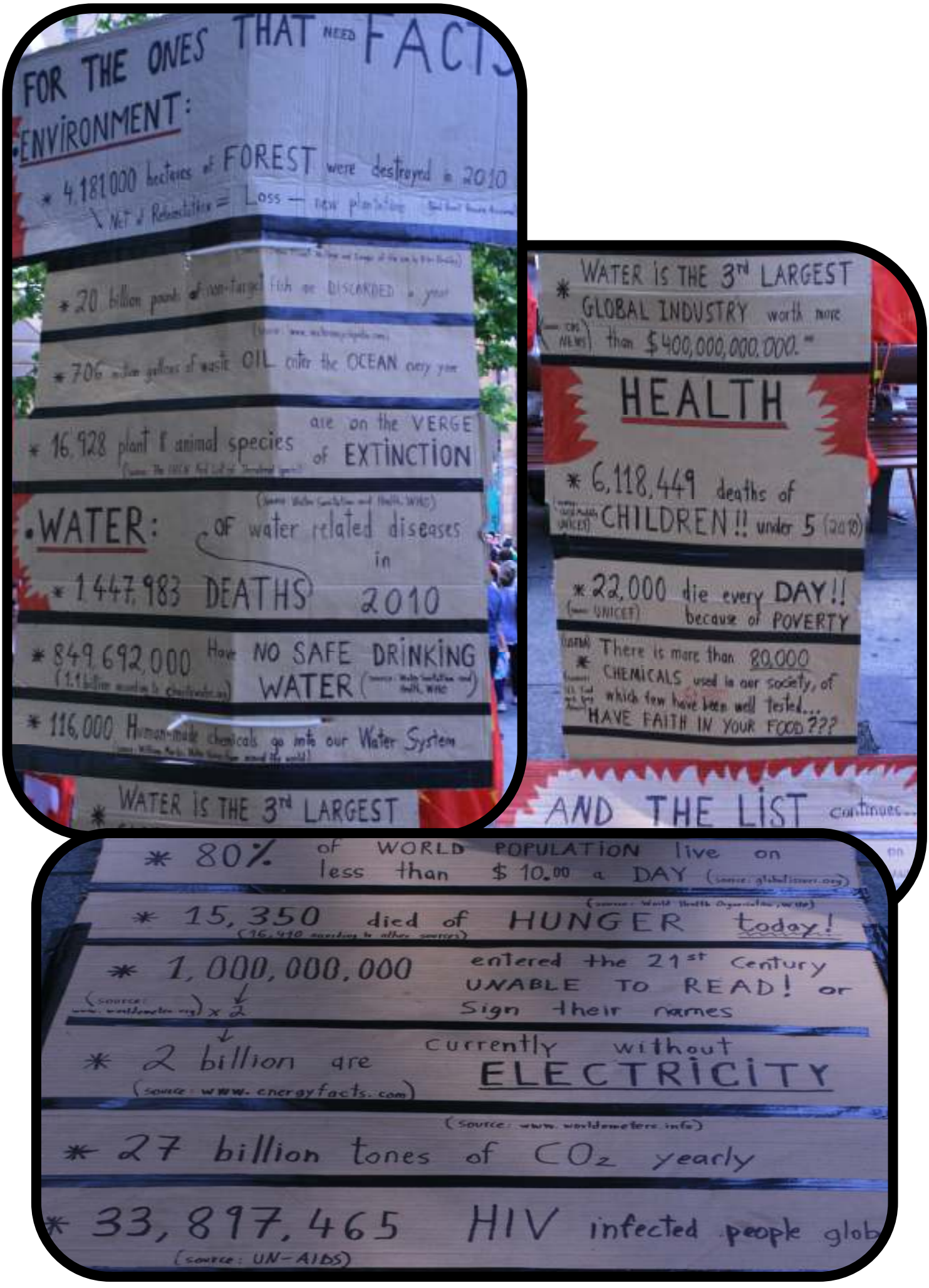
FOR THE ONES THAT NEED FACTS
ENVIRONMENT:
* 4,181,000 hectares of FOREST were destroyed in 2010
* 20 billion pounds of non-target fish are DISCARDED a year
* 706 million gallons of waste OIL enter the OCEAN every year
* 16,928 plant & animal species are on the VERGE of EXTINCTION
WATER:
* 1,447,983 DEATHS of water related diseases in 2010
* 849,692,000 Have NO SAFE DRINKING WATER
* 116,000 Human-made chemicals go into our Water System
* WATER IS THE 3RD LARGEST
* WATER IS THE 3RD LARGEST GLOBAL INDUSTRY worth more than $400,000,000,000.
HEALTH
* 6,118,449 deaths of CHILDREN!! under 5 (2010)
* 22,000 die every DAY!! (UNICEF) because of POVERTY
* There is more than 80,000 CHEMICALS used in our society, of which few have been well tested... HAVE FAITH IN YOUR FOOD???
AND THE LIST continues...
* 80% of WORLD POPULATION live on less than $ 10.00 a DAY
* 15,350 died of HUNGER today!
* 1,000,000,000 entered the 21st Century UNABLE TO READ! or Sign their names
x 2
* 2 billion are currently without ELECTRICITY
(source: www.energyfacts.com)
(source: www.worldometers.info)
* 27 billion tones of CO2 yearly
* 33,897,465 HIV infected people glob
(source: UN-AIDS)

May 2012

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 GENERAL STRIKE No Work, School, Shopping, Banking, Housework!	2 6.30pm GA MP	3	4 Occupy Friday's & Movie Night	5 Occupy Parramatta 5.30pm GA MP	6
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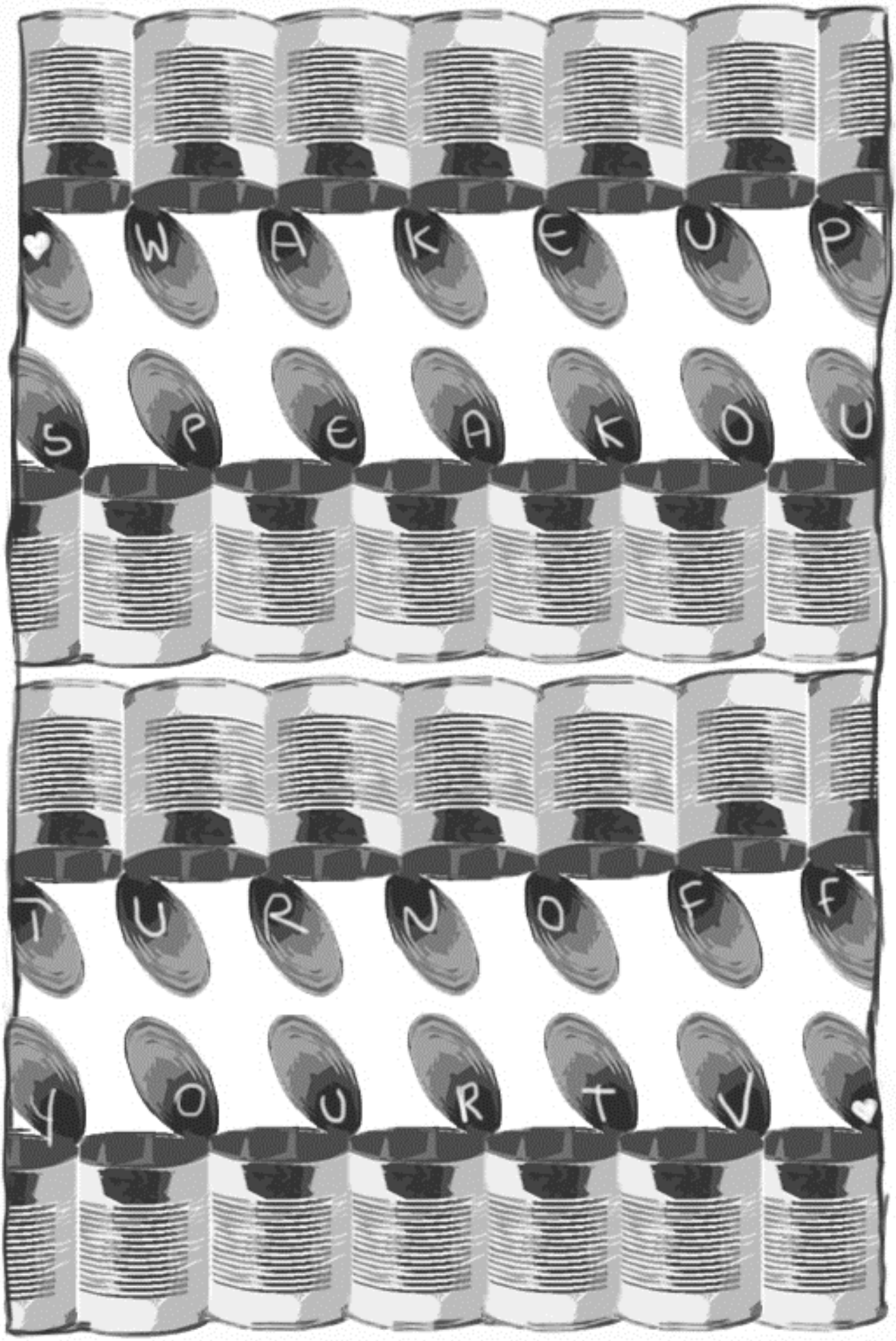

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